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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
ROCK GROUNDS,  
ABERDARE  
23rd August, 1964

Tel. No.: Aberdare 2441

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Urban District Council of Aberdare

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district, and of the work carried out by your Officers of the Public Health Department, together with the vital and other statistics for the year 1964. This Report has been prepared on the lines laid down in Circular 1/65 (Wales) of the Welsh Board of Health.

I would like to express to the Council my appreciation of the interest shown by the Members in matters affecting Public Health. I wish, also, to express my sincere thanks for the help I have received from Mr. D. G. James, the Clerk of the Council and the Council's Chief Officers, the Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. Trevor Walters, the Public Health Inspectors, to Mr. D. N. Reynolds, Housing Assistant, and Mr. David E. Davies, Chief Clerk and the Clerical Staff for their loyal support and assistance to me during the year under review.

Yours sincerely,

J. LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS,

*Medical Officer of Health*

M.O.H. Private Address Tel. No.: Aberdare 2980

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of District (in acres)	..	..	..	..	..	..	15,183
Census Population (1961)	..	..	..	..	..	..	39,155
Registrar's Estimated population	..	..	..	..	..	..	38,910
Number of inhabited houses (31st December, 1964)	..	..	..	..	..	..	13,420
Rateable Value (New Valuation List 1st April, 1964)	..	..	..	..	..	..	£802,412
Sum represented by a penny rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£3,120

## VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	615
Live birth rate per, 1000 population	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.81
Illegitimate live births per cent. of total live births					..	..	..	5.36
Stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14.12
Total still and live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	624
Infant deaths (Deaths under 1 year)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births--Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.64
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births--legitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27.49
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births--illegitimate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.30
Neo Natal Mortality rate per 1,000 live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.26
Early neo natal mortality rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.26
Perinatal mortality rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30.45
Maternal mortality (including abortion)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1.60

## DEATHS

Deaths that actually occurred in this district .. .. .	359
Local residents who died outside the area .. .. .	179
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Residents of other districts who died in the Aberdare Area .. .. .	538
	31
	<hr/>
Corrected number of deaths .. .. .	569
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569 deaths occurred among local residents giving a death rate of 15.20 per 1,000	
Death rate for 1963 .. .. .	17.63
Death rate for England and Wales for 1964 per 1,000 (crude) .. .. .	11.3
For Glamorgan (Administrative County) .. .. .	13.82
For Urban Districts .. .. .	14.22
For Rural Districts .. .. .	12.86

# INFANT MORTALITY AND PERI-NATAL MORTALITY 1964

Source	Infant Mortality		Peri-Natal Mortality	
	Deaths under one Year	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths & Deaths under one week	Rate per 1,000 live & Stillbirths
England and Wales .. ..	17,445	20.0	25,082	28.2
Glamorgan County .. ..	359	26.66	458	33.39
Urban Districts .. ..	267	28.57	335	35.18
Rural Districts .. ..	92	22.31	123	29.33
ABERDARE .. ..	17	27.64	19	30.45
Some larger Glamorgan Districts				
Barry .. ..	19	23.75	27	33.17
Bridgend .. ..	5	17.79	5	17.14
Caerphilly .. ..	20	25.58	30	37.41
Maesteg .. ..	16	43.24	21	55.41
Mountain Ash .. ..	9	16.85	18	32.91
Neath Borough .. ..	17	33.53	19	36.82
Neath Rural .. ..	15	23.04	24	36.04
Pontypridd .. ..	23	39.38	22	37.10
Port Talbot .. ..	25	25.33	31	30.91
Rhondda Borough .. ..	49	30.30	57	34.52

## STILL BIRTHS

The number of still births registered was 9 of which 5 were males and 4 females the still birth rate per 1,000 registered live and still births being 14.42.



**INFANT MORTALITY RATE SINCE 1916**  
(Number of Deaths under 1 year) per 1,000 total live births

Year	England and Wales	Aberdare	Year	England and Wales	Aberdare
1916	91	102	1942	49	66
1917	96	91	1943	49	44
1918	97	123	1944	46	36
1919	89	89	1945	46	46
1920	80	98	1946	43	46
1921	83	104	1947	41	62
1922	77	110	1948	34	41
1923	69	77	1949	32	51
1924	75	84	1950	29.8	33.85
1925	75	95	1951	29.6	54.28
1926	70	88	1952	27.6	36.78
1927	69	71	1953	26.8	30.80
1928	65	91	1954	25.5	26.79
1929	74	98	1955	24.9	32.67
1930	60	68	1956	23.8	28.42
1931	66	86	1957	23.0	37.64
1932	65	57	1958	22.5	28.30
1933	64	78	1959	22.0	27.08
1934	59	79	1960	21.7	40.40
1935	57	67	1961	21.4	20.10
1936	59	68	1962	21.4	36.36
1937	58	73	1963	20.9	31.40
1938	53	51	1964	20.0	27.64
1939	50	50			
1940	55	80			
1941	59	61			

Neo Natal Mortality rate since 1950  
(Number of Deaths under 4 weeks  
per 1,000 live births)

Perinatal Mortality rate since 1960  
(Still births and deaths under 1 week  
per 1,000 combined total  
live and still births)

Year	England and Wales	Aberdare	Year	England and Wales	Aberdare
1950		20.07	1960	32.90	44.41
1951	18.8	17.83	1961	32.00	34.48
1952	18.9	22.77	1962	30.80	38.77
1953	17.7	25.36	1963	29.30	29.46
1954	17.7	21.43	1964	28.20	30.45
1955	17.3	25.41			
1956		23.09			
1957	16.5	29.46			
1958		23.05			
1959		19.86			
1960	15.6	30.30			
1961		15.08			
1962		23.14			
1963		21.49			
1964		16.26			

TABLE OF INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1964

Causes of Death	Under 1 day M. F.	1-7 days M. F.	1-2 weeks M. F.	2-3 weeks M. F.	3-4 weeks M. F.	over 4 weeks & under 3 months M. F.	3-6 months M. F.	6-9 months M. F.	9-12 months M. F.	Totals M. F.
Bronchial Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	2 1	—	—	2 1
Virus Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Prematurity	7 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7 1
Exomphalos	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hyaline Membrane Disease	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchiolitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Heart Disease	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	8 1	1	—	—	—	2	2 2	—	1	13 4

### CAUSES OF DEATH

							Male	Female	Total
ALL CAUSES .. .. .							324	245	569
Tuberculosis:	Respiratory .. .. .						1	2	3
	Other Forms .. .. .						1	—	1
Syphilitic Disease .. .. .							—	—	—
Diphtheria .. .. .							—	—	—
Whooping Cough .. .. .							—	—	—
Meningococcal infections .. .. .							—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis .. .. .							—	—	—
Measles .. .. .							—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases .. .. .							—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm:	stomach .. .. .						12	5	17
	lung-bronchus .. .. .						16	1	17
	breast .. .. .						—	5	5
	uterus .. .. .						—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms .. .. .							25	24	49
Leukaemia-aleukaemia .. .. .							2	1	3
Diabetes .. .. .							1	4	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system .. .. .							43	50	93
Coronary disease—angina .. .. .							61	38	99
Hypertension with heart disease .. .. .							12	7	19
Other heart diseases .. .. .							54	49	103
Other circulatory diseases .. .. .							11	9	20
Influenza .. .. .							4	1	5
Pneumonia .. .. .							12	6	18
Bronchitis .. .. .							22	5	27
Other diseases of respiratory system .. .. .							12	—	12
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.. .. .							3	1	4
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .. .. .							—	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis .. .. .							3	2	5
Hyperplasia of prostate .. .. .							—	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion .. .. .							—	1	1
Congenital malformations .. .. .							1	2	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases .. .. .							17	19	36
Motor Vehicle accidents .. .. .							3	2	5
All other accidents .. .. .							5	7	12
Suicide .. .. .							3	1	4
Homicide and operations of War .. .. .							—	—	—

The following table shows the number of deaths from cancer in the area during the past five years.

	1964			1963			1962			1961			1960		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Stomach ..	12	5	17	13	12	25	13	10	23	9	9	18	10	7	17
Lung Bronchus	16	1	17	12	1	13	8	2	10	16	—	16	5	—	5
Breast ..	—	5	5	—	3	3	—	7	7	—	3	3	—	6	6
Uterus ..	—	2	2	—	7	7	—	5	5	—	5	5	—	2	2
Other ..	25	24	49	15	17	32	20	16	36	29	23	52	16	21	37
Totals ..	53	37	90	40	40	80	41	40	81	54	40	94	31	36	67

### LIVE BIRTHS

				Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	..	..	..	276	306	582
Illegitimate	..	..	..	24	9	33
				<u>300</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>615</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 home population being (crude)	..	..	..	15.81
(Adjusted)		..	..	17.23
1963 birth rate per 1,000 home population was ..	..	..	..	15.76
The birth rate for England and Wales being (crude)	..	..	..	18.40
Birth rate for Glamorgan (Administrative County) ..	..	..	..	18.19
The birth rate for Urban Districts being .. ..	..	..	..	18.29
The birth rate for Rural Districts being .. ..	..	..	..	18.15

### Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate births registered was 33 of which 24 were boys and 9 girls. One death occurred amongst these children.

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

During the year the following notifications were received:—

DISEASE	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Whooping Cough .. .. .	1	3	4
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	6	4	10
Measles .. .. .	86	81	167
Pneumonia .. .. .	12	8	20
Dysentery (Sonne) .. .. .	3	3	6
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	—	6	6
Erysipelas .. .. .	1	—	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	—	—	—
Polomyelitis-Paralytic .. .. .	1	—	1

The following table shows the incidence of notification of confirmed infectious diseases during the past seven years:—

DISEASE	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958
Diphtheria .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .. .. .	10	11	7	29	7	8	15
Whooping Cough .. .. .	4	1	2	17	—	6	—
Measles .. .. .	167	112	12	514	—	32	78
Paratyphoid .. .. .	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Dysentery (Sonne) .. .. .	6	3	13	33	22	51	18
Food Poisoning .. .. .	—	—	—	28	6	—	1
Meningococcal Infection .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Erysipelas .. .. .	1	1	—	1	4	2	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .. .. .	6	7	8	8	11	11	8
Ophthalmia Neonatorum .. .. .	—	1	—	—	—	4	2
Pneumonia .. .. .	20	18	12	28	18	23	21
Polomyelitis-Paralytic .. .. .	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anthrax .. .. .	—	—	—	1	—	—	—

# ANNUAL REPORT OF FOOD POISONING NOTIFICATION (Corrected)

Food Poisoning Notification (corrected) returned to Registrar General ..	NIL
Cases otherwise ascertained .. .. .	NIL
OUTBREAKS	
Total Outbreaks .. .. .	NIL
SINGLE CASES	
Total Number of known cases .. .. .	NIL

## TUBERCULOSIS

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172

The number of new cases notified in 1964 was:—

Tuberculosis: Pulmonary .. .. .	18
Meiningitis .. .. .	—
Other Forms .. .. .	2
	—
Total notified during the year .. .. .	20
	—
Cases of Tuberculosis admitted to Sanitoria in 1964 ..	27
Cases of Tuberculosis discharged from Sanitoria in 1964	26

The following table give the age and sex distribution of persons notified suffering from Tuberculosis and of those who died from the disease:—

Age Periods	NEW CASES NOTIFIED						DEATHS					
	Respir- atory		Menin- gitis		Other forms		Respir- atory		Menin- gitis		Other forms	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 to 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 24	2	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
45 to 64	6	1	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
65 & over	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unk'n	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ..	11	7	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	1	—

The following table shows the incidence of Tuberculosis in the district for the past 20 years.

Year	CASES NOTIFIED		DEATHS NOTIFIED	
	Respiratory	Other Forms	Respiratory	Other Forms
1945	63	14	17	1
1946	64	13	24	2
1947	62	8	23	4
1948	57	9	17	1
1949	50	12	24	4
1950	51	12	22	2
1951	51	17	27	5
1952	44	2	11	1
1953	104	8	13	1
1954	74	10	9	5
1955	49	12	8	1
1956	25	5	6	1
1957	31	4	3	—
1958	28	4	9	—
1960	17	7	5	—
1961	28	5	2	1
1962	28	3	6	1
1963	26	1	8	—
1964	18	2	3	1

### SEWAGE

The Sewerage and Trade Effluent Survey of the Cynon Valley, which commenced in 1963, have made steady progress during this year. Difficulties exist in relation to the type and scope of the final disposal unit at the lower end of the valley, and although consultations with other interested bodies and the Ministry have taken place, no final conclusions have, as yet, been reached.

## WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the Urban Area is derived from seven sources, six of which lie within the Urban Area. The seventh is derived from the Taf Fechan Water Board.

RESERVOIR	CAPACITY IN GALLONS	AREA SUPPLIED
NANTHIR ( <i>Situated on the mountainside above Llwydcoed</i> )	40,000,000	Llwydcoed, Ysguborwen Graig Place, Abernant Maesyffynon, Godreaman (West of Jubilee Road) Forge View area, North Terrace, Cwmbach (part).
NANTMOEL. ( <i>Situated on the mountainside above Llwydcoed</i> )	67,000,000	Hoovers, Cables, Treecynon Trefelin to Park Schools Robertstown, part of Aber- aman to Abercwmboi.
BWLLFA (Graig Storage Ponds) ( <i>Situated in the Bwllfa Cwm-dare Village</i> )	7,000,000	Foundrytown, Daviestown Town Centre Maesydre, Gadlys (to Park Grove), Plasdraw Area. Sunnybank Street.
NANTAMANFACH. ( <i>Situated in the hollow of the Hafod Wen mountain Cwmaman</i> )	60,000	{ Part of Aberaman, part of Godreaman, Incline Row, Woodland Terrace to Glyn- hafed Street.
PWLLFA. ( <i>Situated at Ffyrnant in in the hollow of the Ffaldau and Coedcae Mountains, Cwmaman. Catchment area reinforced by pumping from impounded flow from the old Bedwlyn Level.</i> )	160,000	
TAF FECHAN WATER BOARD		
Upper Neuadd .. .. .	340,000,000	{ Croesbychan, Hirwaun, Penywaun, Hirwaun Road, Cwm-dare, Treecynon (Cem- tery Lodge to Park Lane). Llewellyn Street.
Lower Neuadd .. .. .	74,000,000	
Taf Fechan .. .. .	3,400,000,000	
WERFA STORAGE RESERVOIR ( <i>Nanthir supply</i> )	360,000	The whole of Cwmbach



# SWIMMING BATHS AND PADDLING POOL

There are three swimming baths and one paddling pool situated in the district administered by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department of the Council, viz. :—

Swimming Bath and paddling pool at Aberdare Public Park

Swimming Bath at Rock Grounds, Aberdare and

Swimming Bath at Michael's Field, Recreation Ground, Aberaman

Baths	Source for filling	Method of Treatment (at the Baths)	Sterilization	Frequency of Water Turnover in Baths					
Aberaman Rock Park	Nantmoel Supply Treated Bwlfa/Graig Supply Treated Bwlfa/Graig Supply Treated	Sulphate of Alumina & Soda Sulphate of Alumina & Soda Sulphate of Alumina & Soda	Sodium hypochlorinator Chlorine Gas Sodium hypochlorinator	10 hourly changeover 10 hourly changeover 10 hourly changeover					
SOURCE OF SUPPLY		RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTS			RESULTS OF CHEMICAL TESTS				
		No. of samples	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	% Satis- factory	No. of samples	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	% Satis- factory
ROCK BATHS	Shallow End	17	8	9	47%	17	11	6	65%
	Deep End	17	8	9	47%	17	3	14	18%
PARK BATHS	Shallow End	13	13	—	100%	13	9	4	69%
	Deep End	13	13	—	100%	13	9	4	69%
PARK PADDLING POOL	Cascade	8	7	1	88%	8	8	—	100%
	Centre	12	11	1	92%	12	12	—	100%
ABERAMAN BATHS	Shallow End	5	5	—	100%	5	2	3	40%
	Deep End	5	5	—	100%	5	2	3	40%

## WATER SUPPLIES

Bacteriological and chemical analyses were made very frequently on all sources of water supply. A table showing the results of bacteriological and chemical tests on the filtered supplies is given below :—

SOURCE OF SUPPLY	RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTS				RESULTS OF CHEMICAL TESTS			
	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	% Satisfactory	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	% Satisfactory
NANTHIR RESERVOIR								
Raw .. ..	171	—	—	—	171	—	—	—
Filtered .. ..	169	165	4	98%	169	104	65	61%
NANTMOEL RESERVOIR								
Raw .. ..	101	—	—	—	101	—	—	—
Filtered .. ..	105	101	4	96%	105	60	45	57%
GRAIG STORAGE PONDS								
Raw .. ..	9	—	—	—	9	—	—	—
Filtered .. ..	14	8	6	57%	14	4	10	29%
PWLLFA & NANTAMANFACH RESERVOIRS								
Raw .. ..	24	—	—	—	24	—	—	—
Filtered .. ..	25	23	2	72%	25	14	11	56%
NEUADD RESERVOIR								
Filtered .. ..	28	28	—	100%	28	16	12	57%
OTHER SAMPLES								
Un-filtered .. ..	8	8	—	100%	8	8	—	100%

Number of dwelling houses .. .. . 13,420

Number of population supplied from public water mains :

(a) direct to houses .. .. . 38,893

(b) by means of stand-pipes .. .. . 17

### 1. Nanthir and Nantmoel Supplies

The construction of the bridge over the Nanthir Reservoir carrying the new Heads of the Valley Road, commenced in March, 1963, was completed in December 1964.

### 2. Bwllfa and Graig Supplies

It is confidently expected that work will commence early in 1965, to put into effect the scheme approved by the Ministry, for the modernization of the Treatment Plant at this reservoir.

### 3. Amanfach and Pwllfa Supplies

Occasions have occurred when it has been necessary to use the Nantamanfach Reservoir for emergency purposes. The Pwllfa reservoir remains the main supply, supplemented, when necessary, by water from the Bedwlwyn level.

### 4. Neuadd. Taf Fechan Water Board

The water supply of the Aberdare District is supplemented by water purchased from the Taff Fechan Water Board; this water is secondarily chlorinated when it reaches this area.

In August of this year, work commenced on the construction of the Llwydcoed Service Reservoir, designed to safeguard the supply of water received from the Taff Fechan Water Board.

### 5. The Werfa Storage Reservoir

The Werfa Storage Reservoir constructed to replace the obsolete Blaennantygroes Tank Supply, now supplies the whole of Cwmbach with treated water derived from the Nanthir Reservoir.

## Distribution Mains

The replacement of old and encrusted mains and the abolition of dead ends is now a routine practice with the Council, and is designed to improve the distribution of water throughout the area.

## River Pollution

Tests taken throughout the year, and periodic observations by the staff of the Health Department, have shown that the river has maintained a reasonably satisfactory condition. As has been said on a previous occasion, the final security of the river will depend on the implementation of the recommendations of the current sewer and trade effluent surveys. The river sustains fish life throughout its course within the area, and is regularly stocked.

## ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

### Phurnacite Plant

Unfortunately, little progress can be reported as having been made during the year in relation to the problems of atmospheric pollution connected with the phurnacite plant.

Two meetings took place at the plant during the year, at which were present representatives of the National Coal Board, Abercwmboi Clean Air Committee, and the Aberdare and Mountain Ash Urban District Councils. The Board's Representatives explained the steps that were being taken to maintain the pollution prevention equipment at the highest possible level of efficiency. Assurances were also given at these meetings that all possible avenues would continue to be explored with a view to minimizing as far as possible the pollution from this plant.

Such meetings can be taken as an indication of the continuing public concern over the problems of atmospheric pollution associated with the phurnacite plant.

### Power Station

In last years Annual Report it was stated that the Power Station, from the point of view of Atmospheric Pollution, was obsolescent, but, because of it's relatively short life, measures to eradicate completely the dust pollution from this source, which would be extremely expensive, could not be considered justifiable. It can now be said that the National Coal Board have indicated that this station is likely to be closed down in approximately one years time.

### COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Included once more in this Report are, the tables shewing the results of the analyses made, during the year, of the deposits at the atmospheric pollution measuring stations set up in various points in the Aberdare and Mountain Ash Urban Districts. As in previous years, these results continued to be submitted to the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research and National Coal Board, as well as being reported, periodically, to the two Councils concerned.

As a rough and by no means scientific guide, an approximation of the standards of pollution to be expected in the varying atmospheric conditions to be found in the country, a clean town and a black " area of dense population and heavy industrial development, is also given.

Finally the warning is repeated as to the dangers arising from efforts to produce, from these figures, scientific conclusions rather than, as is the intention, material of general interest value.

CLASSIFICATION				TOTAL SOLIDS
A.	Clean	..	..	..less than 12.5 tons per sqaure mile
B.	Fairlv clean	..	..	..12.5 to 37.5 tons per square mile
C.	Dirty	..	..	..37.5 to 62.5 tons per square mile
D.	Very dirty	..	..	..In excess of 62.5 tons per square mile
	Clean rural atmosphere			..0.25m.g. of SO <sub>3</sub> per 100 sq. c.m. per day
	Heavily polluted atmosphere			..5.0m.g. of SO <sub>3</sub> per 10 sq. c.m. per day

# COMPARATIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Below is a table of the results of analyses of samples of deposited matter collected from sites in the Aberdare and Mountain Ash areas. The figures denote estimated solids in tons per square mile.

Collecting Point	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Aberdare & Dist. Co-op (Central) .. ..	14.66	15.44	19.54	16.51	15.14	12.11	13.23	10.44	11.27	15.64	14.50	12.78
Aman School, G'aman ..	8.12	8.89	11.44	9.90	9.57	7.79	7.72	8.73	7.68	11.45	11.61	16.78
Abercwmboi School ..	—	16.28	36.22	19.23	16.25	13.39	9.90	15.54	2.13	17.98	23.79	—
Duffryn Row, Cwmbach	17.85	14.43	15.84	25.48	36.97	17.37	16.36	24.50	14.93	36.46	25.99	—
Hibernian Club, Mountain Ash ..	20.27	21.22	17.20	23.42	25.07	20.35	30.58	26.36	26.69	39.96	—	—
Compound, Glenboi ..	10.13	—	12.22	9.06	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mountain Ash ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Workmen's Hall	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ynysbwl .. ..	9.50	12.22	14.36	14.29	14.63	8.59	11.91	9.06	9.63	12.82	10.02	13.76
Middle Duffryn Site ..	66.95	66.18	43.79	114.54	177.26	106.69	155.85	93.83	135.29	123.57	140.17	—

## CINEMAS

During the year the Health Committee approved certificates of fitness submitted by licensees with regard to First Aid, Fire Fighting, etc., and electrical installations. The certificates showed a satisfactory position. This service is administered by the Clerk of the Council.

The greatest possible liaison exists between the Fire Prevention Officer of the Glamorgan Fire Service and the Local Authority with regard to cinema supervision. Inspections are carried out periodically by the Shops Inspector.

There is a close liaison between the Shops and Public Health Inspectors of the respective districts in the control and supervision of Cinemas. Periodic and routine inspections are made and there is interchange of information upon the matters within their various provinces.

All existing cinemas within the area are provided with adequate and satisfactory toilet arrangements and are well maintained by the management and his staff.

However there are periodic outbreaks of vandalism resulting in wanton damage of fittings and toilet facilities. Whilst such behaviour is greatly deplored and if the miscreants go undetected, the management make every endeavour to repair the damage with the minimum of delay.

The management are genuinely concerned that the overwhelming majority of their patrons should not be penalised by the anti-social behaviour of the few.

## LICENSED PREMISES—HYGIENE

All licensed premises within the district continued to maintain a good standard of hygiene and further improvements were made which contributed to the increased comfort of the patrons.

Two licensed premises within the town centre closed, but no new premises opened during the year.

Similar to past reports, I have to state that the greatest liaison exists between the Licensing Justices, the Superintendent of Police and the Public Health Department with regard to the hygiene and inspection of licensed premises in the district.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Councils Engineer and Surveyor's Department is responsible for the scavenging and road cleansing service. Road gullies are emptied by a mechanical emptier, gutters on main roads are swept by a mechanical sweeper and all refuse collected by modern rear loaded propelled vehicles. The official tipping site in the area is situated at

### YNYSYNNON SITE, ABERAMAN

is worked on the controlled tipping principle and is clean, well maintained and very satisfactory. This is a long termed project designed to elevate land adjacent to the river Cynon which has been frequently flooded and so reclaim it for practical use.

The indiscriminate dumping of refuse still remains a real and difficult problem in spite of efforts of the District Public Health Inspectors, and the implementation of the Councils scheme for the distribution of refuse bins to householders throughout the area which proceeded throughout the year but has not yet been completed.

In a further effort to stop this dumping of refuse the Engineer and Surveyor's Dept. now collect, when notified, all unwanted mattresses etc., but whether this will prove a complete success remains to be seen. A large number of old mattresses however have been collected by this service, which presumably would otherwise have been disposed of in various parts of the district.

The public sanitary conveniences were maintained in a fairly good condition in spite of the damage resulting from instances of wilful damage in out-lying districts.



## UNSOOUND FOOD

Miscellaneous articles of food of the above description condemned as unfit for human consumption amounted to 4 tons, 0 cwt and 20 lbs.

Condemned foodstuff which could not be returned to suppliers or used for processing purposes was disposed of with proper care in the local authorities refuse tips. The tips are under regular inspection by the Public Health Inspectors.

## BACTERIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL EXAMINATIONS

I must again express my gratitude to Dr. L. E. Coles, Public Analyst, and to Dr. R. W. S. Harvey of the Public Health Laboratory for the advice and assistance I have had from them in connection with the wide variety of chemical and bacteriological analyses and investigations which they have carried out on behalf of the Local Authority.

During the year 127 specimens were sent by the Public Health Department, and local general practitioners. These included throat and nose swabs, faeces, etc.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Council is the Food and Drugs Authority for the District and during the year the number of samples taken and submitted to the Public Analyst, approximated to one sample per 166 members of the population.

The number of samples taken during the year for qualitative analysis was 235 comprising 70 milks, 165 other foods, all of which were found to be satisfactory.

## MILK (Special Designation) REGULATIONS, 1963

Number of Sterilizing Plants licensed	1
Number of Pasteurising Plants licensed	1
Number of Dealers' authorised to use the Special Designation "Pasteurized."	20
Number of Dealers' authorised to use the Special Designation "Sterilized."	20

Number of Dealers' authorised to use the Special Designation "untreated"	
Milk	19

## REPORT ON BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK

Fifty two samples of pasteurised milk were taken for bacteriological examination during the year, and all were found to be satisfactory.

## EXAMINATION OF MILK FOR TUBERCLE BACILLI

A total of eight samples of Untreated Milk were taken for examination for Tubercle Bacilli. and were all found to be satisfactory.

## MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959

Number of Dairies registered previously	13
Number of Dairies registered during 1964	—
	13
Number of Dairies closed during 1964	—
	—
TOTAL	13

## ICE CREAM

All the shops and premises where ice cream is sold and prepared for sale were inspected by the Public Health Inspectors during the year. Vehicles used for the sale of ice cream were also inspected and kept under observation.

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations prescribe the method by which ice cream is manufactured and the occupiers of all registered premises within the district are aware of the requirements of these regulations, and I am pleased to report that any suggestions made have readily been complied with.

During the year, it has been noticed that there appears to be a tendency towards the increased sale of pre-packed ice cream in the area.

During the year one new application was received for the registration of premises for the purpose of the sale of ice cream and all were granted.

Two samples of ice cream were taken during the year for qualitative examination.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT—SECTION 16

Number of premises registered for manufacture of ice cream	..	..	3
Number of premises registered for manufacture of ice cream during 1964	..	..	—
			3
Number of premises or vehicles registered for the sale of ice cream prior to 1964	..	..	175
Number registered during 1964	..	..	1
			—
			176

## FOOD HYGIENE

The Public Health Inspectors continued in their work of education in Food Hygiene, together with the inspection and supervision of premises involved in the handling, preparing, and the storage of food.

During the year the Public Health Inspectors continued to give advice to food trade employers and employees.

## SUMMARY OF FOOD PREMISES IN THE AREA

Grocers	..	..	..	..	..	86
General Provisions	..	..	..	..	..	96
Greengrocers	..	..	..	..	..	31
Cake and Confectioners	}	..	..	..	..	66
Public Restaurants		..	..	..	..	43
Butchers	..	..	..	..	..	—
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	322



## TYPE OF SHOP

Lock-up Shops	..	..	..	..	..	145
Parlour Shops	..	..	..	..	..	59
Other Shops	..	..	..	..	..	118
TOTAL ..						<hr/> 322
New shops opened during the year	..	..	..	..	..	2
Shops closed during the year	..	..	..	..	..	4
Number of inspections of food premises carried out during 1964	..	..	..	..	..	959

As in previous years, I have to report that the general standard both of the layout and maintenance of the shops within the area is on the whole satisfactory and all the larger shops are provided with adequate facilities for the maintenance of a good standard of hygiene.

## RODENT CONTROL PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

During the year, work on the destruction of rats and mice was continued and two operators were employed full time by the Council.

The operators also carried out maintenance treatments of the sewers in the area during the year.

Particulars of other treatments carried out during the year will be found below.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	(1) Local Autho- rity	(2) Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses)	(3) All other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	(5) Agri- cultural
1. No. of Properties inspected as a result of					
(a) Notification .. .. .	3	417	61	481	—
(b) Survey .. .. .	6	298	20	324	44
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose) .. .. .	—	711	598	1309	—
2 Total Inspections carried out	9	1,426	679	2,114	44
3 No of properties inspected (in 2) which were found to be infested by:—					
(a) Rats { Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
{ Minor .. .. .	3	319	50	372	—
(b) Mice { Major .. .. .	—	—	—	—	—
{ Minor .. .. .	—	98	11	109	—
TOTALS .. .. .	3	417	61	481	—

### Sewer Treatments

Two treatments of the sewers in the area were carried out during 1964 and consisted of baiting the manholes twice at weekly intervals using a bait made up as follows—

85% Pin head Oatmeal  
5% Sugar  
0.5% Para-nitro-phenol

5% Mineral Oil  
5% Warfarin

Some brief particulars of the treatments are given below:—

Number of Manholes	Number Baited	Number of Complete & Good takes	Number of Small takes	Number of No takes	Number of Manholes not baited
833	675	62	8	605	158
833	621	79	18	524	212

### Central Council for Health Education

An annual contribution is made to the Central Council for Health Education whereby the services of this organisation are made available and utilized.

### Medical Examination of Council Employees

During the year 108 persons have been medically examined. The examinations were for the purposes of the Council's Superannuation Scheme, applications for Breakdown Pensions and the Council's Sick Scheme.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 to 1962

#### National Assistance Act 1948 (Amendment) Act, 1962

#### (a) Removal to suitable premises (Section 47)

No action was taken by the Council under this provision of the Act, during the year

#### (b) Burial of the Dead (Section 47)

Assistance was rendered under this section to one family during the year under review.

#### (c) Homeless Families—Intermediate Accommodation

##### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—SECTION 21 (1) (b)

The above Act places a duty upon the County Council to provide temporary accommodation for persons in urgent need thereof.

The County Council have approved proposals for the discharge of the above responsibility by securing the right to use certain premises in all areas of the County, to provide accommodation for persons rendered homeless.

Accommodation has also been established by the County Council at Rhooose Camp for families who, in the main, have been rendered homeless by eviction from their homes.

In addition to the above the County Council have this year approved a scheme for affording financial assistance towards the provision of "Intermediate Accommodation" by Housing Authorities, and is prepared to contribute to the cost of the scheme.

The Aberdare, Mountain Ash and Pontypridd Urban District Councils, have agreed to implement this scheme and the Old Isolation Hospital, Llanwonno Road, Mountain Ash, was selected as a suitable premises for converting into flats for use as "Intermediate Accommodation." Four units of accommodation of various sizes have resulted from this conversion.

The three Councils administer this scheme through a Joint Committee, whose functions are:—

- (i) To select tenants to occupy the accommodation from "Homeless Family" cases presented to them by the Medical Officers of Health for the three Councils.
- (ii) To review, in the light of Reports by the said Medical Officers of Health, the progress of any "Problem Families" so accommodated, towards rehabilitation.
- (iii) To decide when tenancies shall be terminated, subject, however, to a maximum period, in all cases, of six months.
- (iv) To commend to the Council from whose District any tenant is admitted to the accommodation, any such tenant considered worthy of normal rehousing in the District concerned, whether as a result of rehabilitation or otherwise.

The term "Homeless Family" includes not only "Problem Families" from Council owned and private accommodation in the three districts, but also those rendered homeless for any other cause and for whom no other normal housing accommodation is immediately available.

The main advantage of providing "Intermediate Accommodation" is that the whole family is kept intact, as opposed to Rhooose Camp, where only the mother and children are accommodated.

Three "Homeless Families" were accommodated at the Llanwonno Road Flats in December, 1964.

(d) **Meals on Wheels and Old People's Welfare**

In April of this year, the Council appointed, to the staff of the Public Health Department, a Welfare Assistant. The duties of this officer will be to act as a liaison and co-ordinating officer between the Council and all Voluntary Organisations in the area interested in the welfare of the elderly; and to generally promote the Council's interest in this field.

In October the Council instituted on a limited basis, a Meals on Wheels Service for the elderly. By the end of the year 360 old people were receiving one meal per week.

It is hoped that this service will be extended in the near future to a minimum of two meals per week, for all old people in the area who are in need of it.

## GENERAL HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT

1. **Services provided by the Glamorgan County Council**

- (a) Maternity and Child Welfare, Midwifery, Home Nursing, Home Help, Distribution of Welfare Foods, Issuing of Sick Room Requisites, School Medical and Health Visiting.

These services are administered by the Divisional Medical Officer.

*Headquarters:* Divisional Health Office, New Clinic Buildings,  
Rock Grounds, Aberdare. Tel. No. Aberdare 2497/8

(b) **Mental Health Services**

The duly authorised officers for this area are :—

Mr. DAVID DAVIES, 12 New Street, Tonna, Neath.

Miss ANN B. THOMAS, 4 Cledwyn Terrace, Trecynon, Aberdare.

(c) **Ambulance Service**

The Ambulance Station for this area is situated at :—

Hawthorn, Rhydyfelin, Pontypridd, Glam. Tel. No. Pontypridd 2522

(d) **Welfare Service**

Officers of the Welfare Service are available to offer advice and assistance to those in need of hostel accommodation, the blind and the handicapped.

The local office for this area is at :—

*Area Office:* Llewellyn Street, Trecynon, Aberdare, Glam.  
Tel. No. : Aberdare 3018

(e) **Children's Department**

The office of the Children's Department of the County Council is at Greyfriars Road, Cardiff. Tel. No. : Cardiff 28033

There is, however working in this district, a Children's Visitor :—

Mrs. A. Colly-Priest, c/o Children's Department, Courthouse Street,  
Pontypridd. Tel. No. : Pontypridd 2275

(f) **Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages**

This area comes under the Pontypridd District and the Superintendent's Office is at Courthouse Street, Pontypridd, Glam. Tel. No. : Pontypridd 3122

The Local Registrar is Mr. Dilwyn Jones, Registrar's Office, 21 Cardiff Street,  
Aberdare. Tel. No. : Aberdare 2008

(g) **Probation Officers**

The address of the Principal Probation Officer is at St. Catherine's Chamber,  
Mill Street, Pontypridd, Glam. Tel. No. : Pontypridd 2157

For this area the Probation Officers are :—

Mr. EMLYN EVANS and Miss E. PARKER, Probation Officers Office,  
21 Cardiff Street, Aberdare. Tel. No. : Aberdare 2901

The Youth Employment Officer for this area is Mr. W. V. MCCARTHY,  
Youth Employment Bureau, Wind Street, Aberdare, Glam.  
Tel. No. : Aberdare 2795

2. **Hospital Services provided by the Welsh Regional Hospital Board**  
Hospital facilities for this area are administered by the Merthyr and Aberdare Hospital Management Committee. The office of this Committee is at St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam. Tel. No. : Merthyr 3401

The following is a list of the hospitals and clinics used by the residents of the area :—

Aberdare General Hospital, Abernant, Aberdare, Glam.

Tel. No. : Aberdare 2411

Fedw Hir Convalescent Hospital, Llwydcoed, Aberdare, Glam.

Tel. No. : Aberdare 2612

Mountain Ash General Hospital, Caegarw, Mountain Ash, Glam.

Tel. No. : Mountain Ash 2212

Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam. (*For Infectious Diseases*)

Tel. No. : Merthyr 3581

Pontsarn Chest Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.

Tel. No. : Merthyr 2278

St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.

Tel. No. : Merthyr 3401

Merthyr General Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, Glam.

Tel. No. : Merthyr 3651

Chest Clinic at Aberdare General Hospital, Abernant, Aberdare, Glam.

Tel. No. : Aberdare 2411

(*This clinic is available on Monday and Thursday mornings*)

3. **Services provided by Government Departments**

- (a) **Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance,**  
Central Office (Wales), Government Buildings,  
St. Agnes Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff  
Tel. No. : Cardiff 62131

- (b) **Pneumoconiosis Medical Panel**  
The office is situated at the  
East Entrance, Prudential Building,  
Cathays Park, Cardiff  
Tel. No. : Cardiff 26161

- (c) **National Assistance Board**  
The area Office for this district is at  
Glanynys, Cwmbach Road, Aberdare Glam.  
Tel. No. : Aberdare 2343

- (d) **Ministry of Labour and National Service**  
Employment Exchange, Monk Street, Aberdare, Glam.  
Tel. No. : Aberdare 2383

4. **General Practitioner Service**  
This service is provided by the  
Glamorgan Executive Council,  
(National Health Council), 47 Park Place, Cardiff  
Tel. No. : Cardiff 26216

## HOUSING STATISTICS

Below are details of habitable dwelling-houses in the area at the 31st of December 1964.

Pre-War private houses in the area .. .. .	10,297
Pre-War local authority houses in the area .. .. .	576
Pre-War local authority miscellaneous houses in the area .. .. .	50
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Post-War private (701) and Police (22) houses in the area .. .. .	10,923
Post-War local authority houses in the area .. .. .	723
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	1,774
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	13,420

During the Post-War period to the 31st December, 1964, 348 dwelling houses were demolished and 76 closed as unfit for human habitation—424 houses (29 during 1964)

The number of houses on the Council's Estates are as follows :—

District	Pre 1939 War dwellings	Post 1939	Totals
Trevaun .. .. .	18	—	18
Trenant .. .. .	132	—	132
Trefelin .. .. .	140	—	140
Treneol .. .. .	72	—	72
Penywaun .. .. .	24	904	928
Llwydcoed .. .. .	106	94	200
Abernant .. .. .	40	6	46
Cwmbach .. .. .	44	426	470
Ty Fry .. .. .	—	120	120
Miscellaneous .. .. .	50	—	50
Cwmdare (Maesgwyn) .. .. .	—	186	186
Aberaman .. .. .	—	38	38
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>626</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>2,400</b>

## Types of Dwellings with Number of Bedrooms

TYPE	Bedrooms	No. of dwellings
B.I.S.F. Steel Dwellings .. .. .	3	96
Aluminium Prefabricated Bungalows .. .. .	2	137
Traditional Houses .. .. .	4	47
Traditional Houses .. .. .	3	1,571
Traditional Houses .. .. .	2	68
Flats .. .. .	2	350
Flats .. .. .	1	98
Bungalows .. .. .	1	18
Bed/Sitters .. .. .		15
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		2,400 Total



## Allocation of Council Houses

Below you will find a table of 602 applicants (divided into Tenants and Sub-Tenants) for Council houses at the 31st December, 1964.

Ward	With 3 or more children	With 2 children	With 1 child over ten	With 1 child under ten	With no children	Totals	T.B.
TENANTS							
1	12	32	28	17	29	118	2
2	2	1	7	2	17	29	2
3	3	7	7	3	18	38	—
4	4	10	15	1	42	72	2
5	9	11	16	5	16	57	3
T'tals	30	61	73	28	122	314	9
SUB-TENANTS							
1	6	18	8	38	26	96	6
2	1	3	3	7	12	26	—
3	1	1	3	10	15	30	2
4	—	10	4	12	19	45	—
5	3	15	4	16	13	51	3
T'tals	11	47	22	83	85	248	11

Tenants ..	..	..	..	..	..	314
Sub-Tenants ..	..	..	..	..	..	248

TOTAL ..	..	562
Applicants from outside A.U.D.C. Area ..	..	40

TOTAL APPLICATIONS ..	602
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## HOUSING REPAIRS

I have to report similar to past years that housing repairs during the year have not been without their unsolved problems of getting landlords to undertake repairs. Continued efforts by the Public Health Inspectors to improve the conditions of the older properties have resulted in a substantial number of houses being attended to, although it has been necessary to resort to formal action in some cases.

The high cost of labour and materials continues to make the task of enforcing housing repairs, especially in the case of the lower rented properties, a most difficult one to deal with.

## 1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during 1964

(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects under the Housing Act and Public Health Act .. ..	618
(b)	Number of Inspections made for the purpose .. ..	1,399
(c)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state of danger or injurious to health, as to be unfit for human habitation ..	22
(d)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head.) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .. .. .	61

## 2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices .. .. .

43

## 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

## (1) PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION 9, HOUSING ACT, 1957

(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. .	16
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice .. .. .	12
(i)	By Owners .. .. .	9
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of Owners ..	3

## (2) PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	54
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices .. ..	49
(i)	By Owners .. .. .	47
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of the owners	2

## 4. Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

140

## 5. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957 ..

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# **RENT ACT, 1957**

## **Part 1. Applications for Certificates of Disrepair**

(1) Number of applications for certificates .. .. .	—
(2) Number of decisions not to issue certificates .. .. .	—
(3) Number of decisions to issue certificates .. .. .	—
(i) in respect of some but but not all defects .. .. .	—
(ii) in respect of all defects .. .. .	—
(4) Number of Undertakings given by Landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule .. .. .	—
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso, to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule .. .. .	—
(6) Number of Certificates issued .. .. .	—

## **Part 2. Application for cancellation of Certificates**

(7) Applications by Landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of certificate of disrepair .. .. .	1
(8) Objections by Tenants to cancellation of Certificates .. .. .	—
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of Tenant's objection .. .. .	—
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority .. .. .	2

## **Improvement Grants, Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, and House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959**

I have to report that during 1964, applications for improvement grants have been received from 187 applicants. Since January, 1955, £174,431 19s. 8d. has been approved to 856 applicants up to the 31st December, 1964.

### **Action on Houses unfit for Human Habitation (Housing Act, 1957)**

During 1964	Demolition Orders served .. .. .	120
	Closing Orders served .. .. .	14
	,, ,, substituted by demolition orders .. .. .	5
	Undertakings accepted .. .. .	—
	Schemes accepted .. .. .	6

Occupants from Ninety Five unfit properties have been re-housed by the Local Authority, during the year.

**Caravan sites and control of development and Public Health Act, 1936**  
**Section 268**

The two licensed sites within the district are now fairly well established. The Model standards issued by the Ministry for the guidance of licensing authorities have been used as a minimum standard within the area. Both sites are connected to the main sewer with drainage for the disposal of waste-water and water supply connected to each caravan which is stationed on a concrete base.

Both sites have also laid on electricity for site lighting and also for the use of the caravan occupiers.

Whilst the general site layout is in the main satisfactory there are, as in the case of permanent dwellings, varying standards of maintenance by individual caravanners, some of which are very good with their small plots of ground tastefully cultivated which greatly improves the general aspect of the site. These however are in the minority and every effort is made to encourage those that lag behind, since example is always better than precept it is to be hoped that others will follow in the ways of those who show a real pride in their dwelling.

The caravan as a dwelling has an undoubted appeal to many as a mode of living and has met a serious need where there has been scarcity of permanent dwellings. It remains to be seen whether caravans will retain their appeal once a choice can be made between them and a permanent dwelling.

Whilst they may provide adequate facilities for a young or childless couples they are however in my view not suitable as permanent homes for the rearing of a family.

A fairly close supervision of both sites is aimed at by the department's officers and also of the problem families which not infrequently flit from outside the area onto these sites. Similarly, problem families are sometimes rehoused in liaison with an officer of the Welfare Services, as a last resort in an effort to keep such families together following upon eviction. These aspects often present some real difficulty.

Nearly five years has passed since the Caravan sites and Control of Development Act was passed in 1960 and it would be a fair assessment to say that the implementation of this Act has resulted in a substantial improvement and provided basic essential facilities to persons living in caravans that were not previously available to them.

The granting and the setting up of the two licensed sites within the Urban Area has proved to be a marked improvement upon the previous licensing of caravans in scattered locations throughout the area and resulted in a greater measure of control of the itinerant caravanner.

There is a continuing need and a demand for two caravan sites in the area.

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## SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR

Number of houses and premises inspected .. .. .	618
Number of houses and premises re-visited .. .. .	781
Number of Notices served—preliminary .. .. .	61
Number of Notices served—statutory .. .. .	84
Number of houses repaired .. .. .	110
Closets cleansed or repaired .. .. .	39
Flush tanks renewed .. .. .	69
New closets erected to existing buildings .. .. .	15
Yards paved or repaired .. .. .	29
Defective house roofs repaired .. .. .	178
Defective walls repaired .. .. .	214
Defective chimneys repaired .. .. .	151
Defective ceilings repaired .. .. .	92
Defective floors repaired .. .. .	76
Defective doors repaired or renewed .. .. .	68
Defective windows repaired or renewed .. .. .	159
Defective fireplaces repaired or renewed .. .. .	34
Defective ovens renewed .. .. .	24
New eaves gutters and downpipes fixed .. .. .	152
Accumulation of refuse removed .. .. .	59
Other nuisances abated .. .. .	139
Number of milk samples taken for examination .. .. .	116
Number of water samples taken for bacteriological examination .. .. .	755
Number of water samples taken for chemical examination .. .. .	755
Number of verminous houses inspected .. .. .	4
Number of samples taken for food and drugs examination .. .. .	235
Number of infectious disease cases investigated .. .. .	32

### Disinfection

Number of house fumigated after infectious diseases .. .. .	25
Number of articles disinfected .. .. .	212
Number of articles destroyed .. .. .	—

### Drain Testing

Number of drains tested .. .. .	408
Number of drains found defective .. .. .	131
Number of drains relaid .. .. .	43
Number of drains cleansed or repaired .. .. .	131
Number of drains connected to sewer .. .. .	79

### Bakehouses

Number on register .. .. .	8
Number of visits of inspection .. .. .	74
Number of defects remedied .. .. .	14

### Lodging-Houses

Number on register .. .. .	1
Number of visits of inspection .. .. .	38

## Dairies and Milkshops

Number on register .. .. .	13
Number of visits of Inspection .. .. .	104
Number of defects remedied .. .. .	6

## Factories

	No. on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Prose- cutions
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. .. .	8	42	—	—
(2) Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Authority .. .. .	113	263	1	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers Premises) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
TOTALS.. .. .	121	305	1	—
Cases in which defects were found :	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector	Prose- cutions
Want of cleanliness .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Over-crowding .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :— .. .. .				
(a) Insufficient .. .. .	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective.. .. .	1	1	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes .. .. .	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (Not relating to Outwork) .. .. .	—	—	—	—
TOTALS.. .. .	1	1	—	—

Number of Outworkers .. .. . THREE

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